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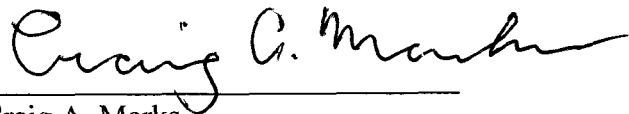
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
COPPER VALLEY TELEPHONE, INC., AN  
ARIZONA CORPORATION, FOR A HEARING  
TO DETERMINE THE EARNINGS OF THE  
COMPANY, THE FAIR VALUE OF THE  
COMPANY FOR RATEMAKING PURPOSES,  
AND TO INCREASE RESIDENTIAL RATES AS  
NECESSARY TO COMPENSATE FOR THE  
RATE IMPACTS OF THE FCC'S USF/ICC  
TRANSFORMATION ORDER

DOCKET NO. T-02727A -12-0484

NOTICE OF FILING

1 Copper Valley Telephone Cooperative, Inc. hereby files an Affidavit that notice was  
2 provided to customers as required by the January 28, 2013, Procedural Order in the above  
3 captioned docket.

4 Respectfully submitted on February 22, 2013.



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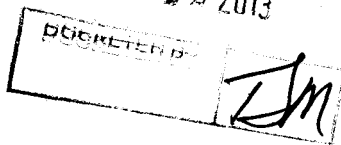
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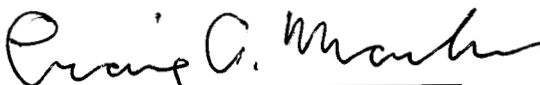
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2 on February 22, 2013, with:

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING**

- 1           1.       My name is Virgil Barnard.
- 2           2.       I am employed by Copper Valley Telephone, Inc. ("Copper Valley") as Contracts
- 3 and Compliance Manager.
- 4           3.       My business address is 752 E. Maley, Willcox, AZ 85643, and my business phone
- 5 is 520-384-8932.
- 6           4.       The January 28, 2013, Procedural Order in the above-captioned case provided a
- 7 form notice and required Copper Valley to "mail to each of its customers a copy of the above
- 8 notice no later than February 15, 2013."
- 9           5.       The purpose of this affidavit is to document compliance with this requirement of
- 10 the Procedural Order.
- 11           6.       I caused to be prepared the customer notice required by the Procedural Order.
- 12 Exhibit A is a copy of the customer notice.
- 13           7.       I prepared a current electronic customer mailing list and provided a copy of the
- 14 notice and mailing list to Arizona Jet Mail. On February 15, 2013, Arizona Jet Mail caused to be

1 mailed a copy of the customer notice to each customer on the mailing list. Exhibit B is a copy of  
2 the Postage Statement provided by the United States Postal Service.

3 8. This completes my affidavit.

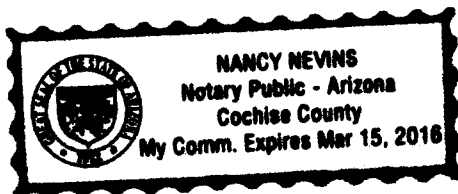
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5 \_\_\_\_\_  
6 Virgil Barnard  
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9 STATE OF Arizona )  
10 ) ss.  
11 COUNTY of Cochise )  
12  
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14 Subscribed and sworn before me on February 20, 2013.  
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16  
17 Name:   
18 \_\_\_\_\_  
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My Commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_



## Exhibit A

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE HEARING ON THE**  
**APPLICATION OF COPPER VALLEY TELEPHONE**  
**COMPANY FOR A DETERMINATION OF THE**  
**CURRENT FAIR VALUE OF ITS UTILITY PROPERTY**  
**AND FOR AN INCREASE IN ITS RATES AND**  
**CHARGES**  
**(Docket No. T-02727A-12-0484)**

On December 4, 2012, Copper Valley Telephone Company ("Company") filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") an application requesting authority to increase residential basic local access line rates from \$12.40 to \$14.00 per month.

On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC") issued a comprehensive new Order. Among other things, the FCC's Order establishes that in order for the Company to continue receiving federal support funds, the Company's local residential monthly service rates must be increased to floor rates of at least \$14.00 as of June 1, 2013. Thereafter, the FCC will determine the floor rate annually. If the Company's rates are not increased to the floor rate, the amount of federal support funds the Company receives will be reduced dollar-for-dollar for each customer by the difference between the existing local rate and the new FCC floor rate.

The Commission's Utilities Division ("Staff") is in the process of analyzing the application, and has not yet made any recommendations regarding the Company's proposed rates. The Commission will determine the appropriate relief to be granted based on the evidence presented by the parties. The Commission is not bound by the proposals made by the Company, Staff, or any intervenors. Therefore, the final rates approved by the Commission may be higher or lower than the rates requested by the Company.

**How You Can View or Obtain a Copy of the Rate Application**

Copies of the application and proposed rates are available by contacting Steve Metts, 752 E. Maley Street, Willcox, AZ 85643, at the Commission's Docket Control Center at 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, 85007, for public inspection during regular business hours, and on the Internet via the Commission's website ([www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov)) using the eDocket function and Docket No. T-02727A-12-0484.

**Arizona Corporation Commission Public Hearing Information**

The Commission will hold a hearing on this matter beginning March 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, 1200 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona. Public comments will be taken on the first day of the hearing. Written public comments may be submitted by mailing a letter referencing Docket No. T-02727A-12-0484 to: Arizona Corporation Commission, Consumer Services Section, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007. If you require assistance, you may contact the Consumer Services Section at 602.542.4251 or 1.800.222.7000.

Interested parties may participate in this matter through (1) filing for intervention and becoming a formal party to the proceeding; or (2) through written or oral public comment. Any interested person may file written public comments regarding the Company's application in Docket No. T-02727A-12-0484 at any time.

If you do not intervene in this proceeding, you will receive no further notice of the proceedings in this docket. However, all documents filed in this docket are available online (usually within 24 hours after docketing) at the Commission's website [www.azcc.gov](http://www.azcc.gov) using the e-Docket function, located at the bottom of the website homepage. RSS feeds are also available through e-Docket.

**About Intervention**

You do not need to intervene if you want to appear at the hearing and provide public comment on the application, or if you want to file written comments in the record of the case.

Any person or entity entitled by law to intervene and having a direct substantial interest in the matter will be permitted to intervene. The granting of intervention entitles a party to present sworn evidence at hearing and to cross-examine other witnesses. **If you wish to intervene, you must file an original and 13 copies of a written motion to intervene with the Commission's Docket Control Center no later than March 8, 2013, and send a copy of the motion to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record.**

Contact information for the Company and parties of record may be obtained using the Commission's e-Docket Function and Docket No. T-02727A-12-0484. Your motion to intervene must contain the following:

1. Your name, address, and telephone number, and the name, address, and telephone number of any party upon whom service of documents is to be made, if not yourself;
2. A short statement of your interest in the proceeding (e.g., a customer of the Company, a shareholder of the Company, etc.); and
3. A statement certifying that you have mailed a copy of the motion to intervene to the Company or its counsel and to all parties of record in the case.

The granting of motions to intervene is governed by A.A.C. R14-3-105, except that all motions to intervene must be filed on or before March 8, 2013. For a sample intervention request form, go to <http://www.azcc.gov/divisions/utilities/FORMS/interven.pdf>. All parties must comply with Arizona Supreme Court Rules 31 and 38 and A.R.S. §40-243 with respect to the practice of law.

**If you do intervene, and wish to present direct testimony and associated exhibits at the hearing, you must, on or before March 20, 2013: (1) reduce your direct testimony and associated exhibits to writing, (2) file the original and 13 copies with the Commission's Docket Control Center by 4:00 p.m., and (3) mail a copy to each party.**

**Americans with Disabilities Act ("ADA")/Equal Access Information**

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to its public meetings. Persons with a disability may request reasonable accommodations such as a sign language interpreter, as well as request this document in an alternative format, by contacting the ADA Coordinator, Shaylin Bernal, E-mail [sabernal@azcc.gov](mailto:sabernal@azcc.gov), voice phone number 602-542-3931. Requests should be made as early as possible to allow time to arrange the accommodations.



Valley Telephone Cooperative    Copper Valley Telephone    Valley Connections, LLC

Digital Television



Internet



Telephone



Bundled Services



Dear Copper Valley Telephone Customer,

We are writing to inform you of upcoming changes to your telephone bill that are being proposed to take effect on June 1, 2013. As we have reported many times in the past, the Federal Universal Service Fund is a program that has been in place for many years that is designed to ensure rural subscribers have access to telecommunications services at rates that are comparable to those provided in urban areas. The fund provides support to rural telecommunications carriers by helping offset the high-cost of providing telecommunications service in rural areas.

As part of a recent reform and modernization of this plan, the Federal Communications Commission has established a minimum residential local service rate that must be charged in order for a telephone company to continue to receive the full amount of federal support funds. This is being done to provide comparability between urban and rural rates. Effective June 1, 2013, the FCC has set this minimum rate at \$14.00 per month. To comply with this decision and to maintain the full level of funding, we must raise the rate for residential local phone service from \$12.40 to \$14.00 by June 1, 2013.

The Arizona Corporation Commission will be holding a public hearing on this request for change in rates on March 26, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The formal notice is attached and is being mailed to all Copper Valley customers. This notice provides additional information about the application including the location for this hearing.

We value your business and if you have questions about this, you may contact us at (800) 421-5711.

Sincerely,

Steve D. Metts  
CEO/General Manager



## **Exhibit B**

<b>Company Detail</b>	
Company Name	AJM
Address	3710 E 43RD PL STE 101 TUCSON, AZ 85713-6809
Contact Name	RICK HECOX
Phone Number	(520)571-1329
Profit Indicator	P
<b>PS Form 3607R - Mailing Transaction Receipt</b>	
Account Holder Account Number	1183085
Account Holder Permit Number	541
Account Holder Permit Type	PI
Account Holder CRID	4650090
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Post Office of Mailing	TUCSON, AZ 85726-9653
Post Office of Permit Cost Center	038880-0990
Post Office of Mailing Cost Center	038880-0990
Mailing Agent Name	
Mailing Agent CRID	
Mail Owner Name	
Mail Owner CRID	
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Customer Reference ID	
CAPS Transaction Number	N/A
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Processing Category	Letters
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Weight of a single-piece	0.0320 lbs.
Total Weight	74.4960 lbs.
Total Number of Containers	13
Total Postage (Without Incentive/Fee)	\$ 564.21
Total Incentive/Discount	\$ 0.00
Fee	\$ 0.00
Total Adjusted Postage	\$ 564.21
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Person authorizing adjustment	
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Phone Number	
Acceptance Site Mailer ID	
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133 456  
Valley Telecom-  
CVT

United States Postal Service  
Postage Statement  
Standard Mail

List: 133456 Valley Telecom CVT

Post Office: Note Mail Arrival  
Date & Time (Do Not Round-Stamp)

*ASm*

Permit Holder	Phone (520)-571-1329 Ext	Mailing Agent	Phone (520)-571-1329 Ext	Prepared For
Arizona Jet-Mail Services 3710 E. 43rd Pl., Ste. 101 Tucson AZ 85713		Arizona Jet-Mail Services 3710 E. 43rd Pl., Ste. 101 Tucson AZ 85713		Valley Telecom CVT Letter PO Box 970 Willcox AZ 85644 WO #133456
CAPS Cust Ref No.				
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Permit # 541			<input type="checkbox"/> Product Sample % samples	Total Weight 74.4960	
For Auto Price Pcs Enter Date of Address Matching and Coding 2/06/2013	For CR Price Pcs Enter Date of Address Matching and Coding 2/06/2013	For CR Price Pcs Enter Date of Carrier Route Sequencing 2/06/2013	For Pieces Bearing a Simplified Address Enter Date of Del Stat File or Alt. Method		

Move Update Method ☐ JASE ☐ INCOALink ☐ JACS ☐ Alternate ☐ Multiple ☐ JOneCode ACS ☐ In/a Alt Addr Fmt

Parts Completed (Select all that apply) ☒ JA ☐ JB ☐ JC ☐ JD ☐ JE ☐ JF ☐ JG ☐ JH ☐ JL ☐ JM ☐ JS ☐ JNSA

☐ Letter-size or flat mailpiece contains DVD/CD or other disk

Price Affixed: ☐ Correct ☐ Lowest ☐ Neither

Subtotal Postage	564.21
pcs x \$ = Postage Affixed	
Incentive/Discount Flat Dollar Amount -	
Fee Flat Dollar Amount +	
Net Postage Due (Line 1 +/- Lines 2, 3, 4)	564.21

Additional Postage Payment (State reason)

Postmaster: Report Total Postage in AIC 130 (Permit Imprint Only) Total Adjusted Postage Affixed

Postmaster: Report Total Postage in AIC 208 Total Adjusted Postage Permit Imprint

Total Adjusted Postage Simplified Addressing (EDDM)

Incentive/Discount Claimed: Type of Fee:

The mailer's signature certifies acceptance of liability for and agreement to pay any revenue deficiencies assessed on this mailing, subject to appeal. If an agent signs this form, the agent certifies that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the mailer and that the mailer is bound by the certification and agrees to pay any deficiencies. In addition, agents may be liable for any deficiencies resulting from matters within their responsibility, knowledge, or control. The mailer hereby certifies that all information furnished on this form is accurate, truthful, and complete; that the mail and the supporting documentation comply with all postal standards and that the mailing qualifies for the prices and fees claimed; and that the mailing does not contain any matter prohibited by law or postal regulation. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits information requested on this form may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including fines and imprisonment. Privacy Notice: For information regarding our Privacy Policy visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

Signature of Mailer or Agent	Printed Name of Mailer or Agent Signing Form Arizona Jet-Mail Services Robert Schrader	Telephone (520)-571-1329 Ext
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(3) proper completion of postage statement;		
(4) payment of annual fee; and		
(5) sufficient funds on deposit (if required)		
USPS Employee's Signature	Print USPS Employee's Name	

Round Stamp (Required)  
Payment Date

List: 133456 Valley Telecom CVT

Post Office: Note Mail Arrival  
Date & Time (Do Not Round-Stamp)

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	Fee Flat Dollar Amount +	
Permit #	Net Postage Due (Line 1 +/- Lines 2, 3, 4)	564.21

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Postmaster: Report Total Postage in AIC 208	Total Adjusted Postage Simplified Addressing (EDDM)

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The mailer's signature certifies acceptance of liability for and agreement to pay any revenue deficiencies assessed on this mailing, subject to appeal. If an agent signs this form, the agent certifies that he or she is authorized to sign on behalf of the mailer and that the mailer is bound by the certification and agrees to pay any deficiencies. In addition, agents may be liable for any deficiencies resulting from matters within their responsibility, knowledge, or control. The mailer hereby certifies that all information furnished on this form is accurate, truthful, and complete; that the mail and the supporting documentation comply with all postal standards and that the mailing qualifies for the prices and fees claimed; and that the mailing does not contain any matter prohibited by law or postal regulation. I understand that anyone who furnishes false or misleading information on this form or who omits information requested on this form may be subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including fines and imprisonment. Privacy Notice: For information regarding our Privacy Policy visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com).

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(3) proper completion of postage statement;		
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(5) sufficient funds on deposit (if required)		
USPS Employee's Signature	Print USPS Employee's Name	

